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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement of December 30, 1999, Applicant elects Group I: Claims 2-33, 35, and 43-60.

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